

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
May 10, 2012

Present: Knox (chair), Ames, Smith, Roberts, Coughlin, Diane Mitchell (guest), Walton (staff), Hultgren (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m.

The minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting were accepted with one grammatical correction.

Diane Mitchell, from Mayo and Sons, discussed automated trash service with the committee. Mayo and Sons is considering offering automated service as an option by retrofitting its rear loading trash trucks to pick up tipper carts. Concerns raised about going to automated were—

1. handling extra trash,
2. eliminating mini-mini service and in-yard service penalizes seniors and disabled,
3. Wrights Village and Glenridge have small trash storage areas,
4. the reliability of automated equipment,
5. initial cost of purchasing automated vehicles and containers,
6. the length of contract needed to cover initial costs.

Mitchell stated that they could retrofit their trash trucks but would need to replace the recycling trucks with rear loaders. Mitchell will look into the cost of retrofitting. Staff will continue to research some of noted concerns. It was suggested extending the single family trash contract for one more year, by requesting a bid waiver from Town Council, while the Committee continues to research the feasibility of going to automated service.

The committee reviewed a few different dog waste ordinances. Walton will send a couple of draft ordinances to the committee for review. Roberts offered to send pictures of the bag dispenser and disposal set-up at Lebanon's town green for the committee to review.

Walton reported that the recycling pilot at Celeron Square Apartments has been successful in attracting more recyclables with very little contamination. The container not only went unscathed during spring weekend, but also filled up with cans and bottles. It was recommended to pilot these containers at a couple more apartments.

The committee discussed fishing line recycling, which Ames and Walton have already started researching. Ames will contact Laura Saucier, from DEEP, for stickers and any other additional information. Roberts and Ames volunteered to collect the fishing line. It was suggested identifying the fishing holes in town and enlisting help from boy scouts and fishing clubs to set up the sites.

Walton reported that UConn's Give and Go was very organized this year. The quantity of material was similar to previous years. Twenty seven local charities received donations from the

move-out collection.

Moving to a cashless system at the transfer station is months away. According to Director of Finance, Cherie Trahan, once credit cards are an established way to make payment to the Town, the transfer station will be ready to go cashless.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2012. The committee said good bye to resigning member Anne Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton  
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator